



# Prescott National Forest

Chino Valley Ranger District

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## OAKS AND WILLOWS TRAIL #3

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Oaks and Willows Trail #3 travels through George Wood Canyon, the western gateway into Juniper Mesa Wilderness. The trail connects with several others, offering hikers and riders a number of options for exploring this remote corner of northern Arizona.

TR 3 works its way up from the north fork of Walnut Creek, offering a view of Aztec Pass, an important early pioneer route. As it heads for George Wood Canyon, the trail enters the Juniper Mesa Wilderness and quickly climbs the southwestern edge of Juniper Mesa. Continuing across the mesa top, TR 3 intersects Juniper Mesa Trail #20, which runs east to Juniper Spring. From its intersection with TR 20, TR 3 continues down the Pine Creek drainage to Forest Road 7.

**CAUTION:** This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders.

**Please be considerate or others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.**

**ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION:** From the intersection of Hwy 89 and Outer Loop Road, take Outer Loop Road for 6 miles to Williamson Valley Road (also County Road 5). Turn right and continue on Williamson Valley Road for 27 miles to County Road 125. Turn left and proceed roughly 9 miles to the trailhead on the right. Parking is good.

To reach the northern trailhead, continue on Williamson Valley Road for another 7.7 miles past the junction with CO 125. Turn left on Forest Road 7 and proceed 7.8 miles to the trailhead. Parking is good.

**TRAVEL TIME:** 1.25 hours from Chino Valley

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Suitable for most vehicles in fair weather. FR 7 is a semi-graded 4x4 road.

**HIKING TIME:** 3 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 5.5 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Light

**NOTES:** Most of this trail lies within the Juniper Mesa Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. There is no reliable source of water at the trailhead or along the trail. Prepare for hot, dry conditions during summer, and pack plenty of water.

**RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE:** Spring, summer, fall

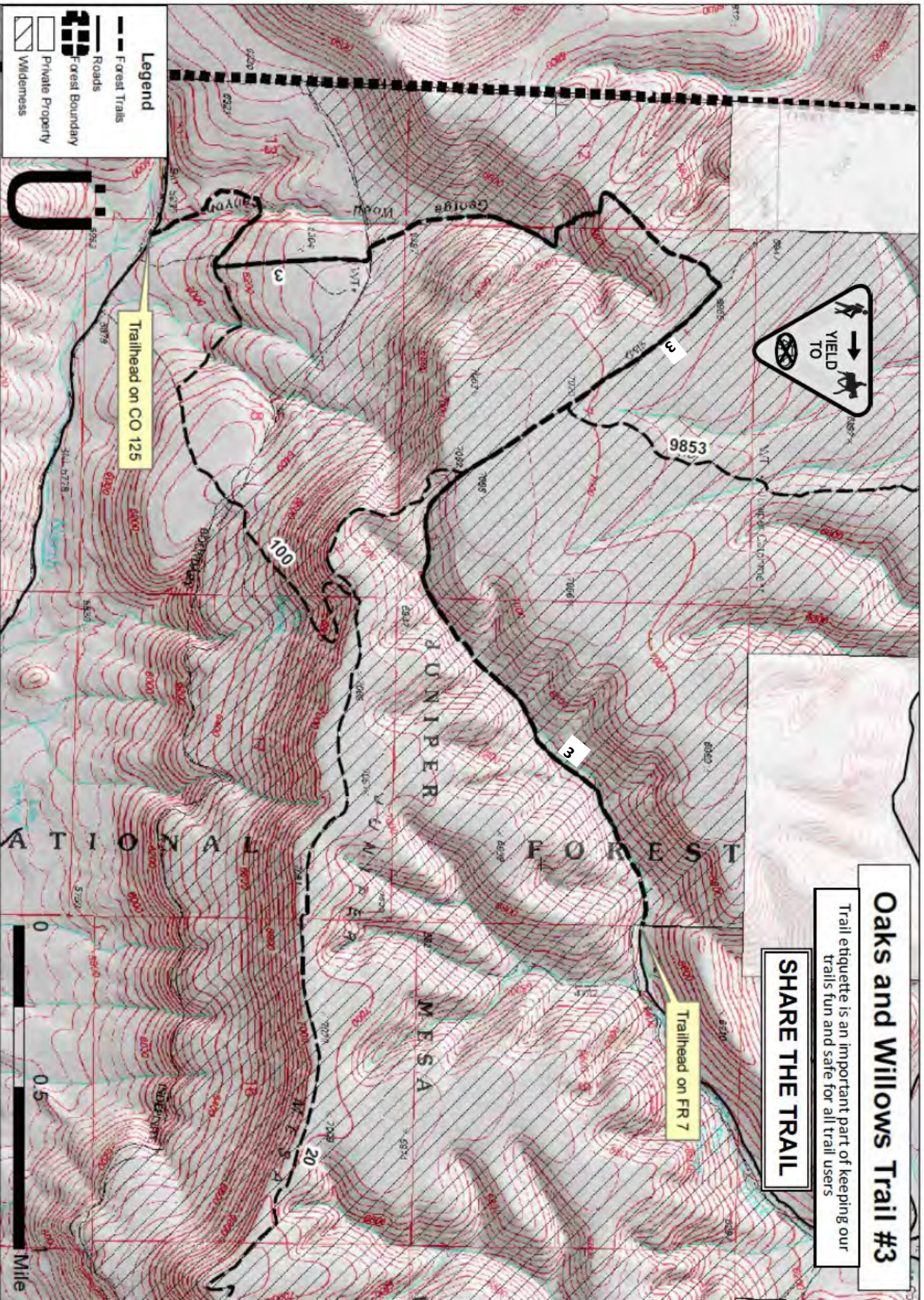
**MAPS. OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5" quad for Juniper Mountains.



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Trailhead on CO 125

Trailhead on FR 7

## Legend

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